

(Amended) The protection switch 25 comprises a charging shutdown switch 25a that shuts down charging to the batteries 21a and 21b and a discharging shutdown switch 25b that shuts down discharging from the battery to the load, and these switches are configured in the form of FETs. The source of the charging shutdown switch 25a is connected to the negative electrode 21f of the battery 21b and the drain of the charging shutdown switch 25a is connected to the source of the discharging shutdown switch 25b, and the drain of the discharging shutdown switch 25b is connected to the - terminal 23.)